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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/785,517	Applicant(s) MURAI ET AL.	
	Examiner Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha	Art Unit 1621	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Priority

Applicants' claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

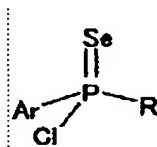
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sekar et al., {Improved synthesis of HN(SPPH₂)(SePPh₂) and some coordination chemistry of [N(SPPH₂)(SePPh₂)]⁺, Inorganica Chimica Acta, 319 (2001), 117-122}.

Sekar et al. disclose applicants claimed asymmetric phosphinoselenoic chloride {Ph₂P(Se)Cl}. See page 118, column 1, second paragraph, line 8.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krawiecka, {Reaction of thio- and Selenolo Esters of Phosphorus Acids with Hologens Part 5. Halogenolysis of Selenium Methyl Phosphinoselenoates, Heteroatom Chemistry (1992), 3(4), 385-394}.

Krawiecka discloses phosphinoselenoic chloride compound of general formula 1



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formula 1

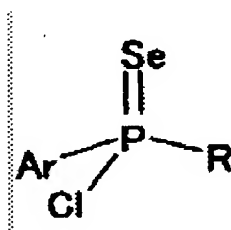
wherein R is t-Bu group. See footnote on page 390, scheme 4, compound 23a.

Allowed Claims

Claims 3-10 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reason For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: applicants' claim a method for producing an asymmetric phosphinoselenoic chloride of general formula 2,



formula 2

the method comprising: mixing arylphosphine dichloride, an organometallic reagent, and selenium in a solvent so as to cause a reaction of the arylphosphine dichloride, the organometallic reagent, and the selenium, wherein all the variables are as defined in the claims was neither found to be obvious nor anticipated by the prior art of record.

The closest prior art is Bayandina et al., {Synthesis of Arylselenophosphinic Acid Derivatives and their Properties, Zhurnal Obshchei Khimi (1978), 48 (12), 2673-2677}. Bayandina et al., discloses method for producing an asymmetric phosphinoselenoic chloride by heating arylphosphine chloride and selenium at 120°C. The two processes differ in that applicants' claim a process that employs arylphosphine dichloride and

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organometallic reagent while Bayandina et al. disclose a process that employs arylphosphine chloride. See abstract.

A further search of the prior art failed to uncover any reference that taught or motivated one of ordinary skill to make and use an asymmetric phosphinoselenoic chloride of general formula 2 as claim by applicants.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha whose telephone number is 571-272-2908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

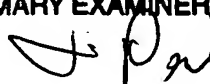
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann R. Richter can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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